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SUBJECT: DEMARCHE REQUEST TO MOVE ENGINEERS FROM UNMIS TO  
UNAMID FOR 90 DAYS

¶1. PURPOSE: This is an action request. The Department asks Embassies Islamabad and Cairo to demarche host governments at the highest appropriate level to support the United Nations' request that an appropriate number of engineers currently deployed by Pakistan and Egypt for the United Nations Mission in Sudan (UNMIS) move to the hybrid United Nations-African Union Mission in Darfur (UNAMID) for 90 days or longer, with the understanding that the engineers will return to UNMIS after this period. The purpose of the move is to provide more engineers to build more infrastructure in UNAMID to allow for faster absorption of additional troops into UNAMID.

Currently, insufficient UN infrastructure, accommodation, and logistics is one of the largest impediments to UNAMID deployment. This increase in engineering capacity is part of the UN Department of Peacekeeping Operations' enhanced deployment plan to allow for 80 percent deployment of UNAMID by the end of the year.

¶2. DEADLINE: We would appreciate a response from posts by Wednesday 28 May 2008.

¶3. BACKGROUND: The Department wishes to assist the United Nations as much as possible in the rapid deployment of UNAMID, as it is one of the Department's highest priorities. Successful deployment of UNAMID is a critical part of our strategy for peace in Darfur, which also includes provision of humanitarian aid, support for the UN-AU-led Darfur political process and the immediate cessation of all hostilities, including cross-border attacks between Sudan and Chad. At the same time, we are pushing for the implementation of the Comprehensive Peace Agreement between north and south Sudan and for UNMIS's proactive support for this implementation, particularly in the Abyei area. While we wish to do all that is possible to push UNAMID's deployment, we are mindful of the need to balance this support with consideration of the needs of UNMIS.

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